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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The Government are making very heavy contributions to these local bodies in respect of education. For instance, the education tax collected by the local boards last year was only Rs. 116·8 lakhs, whereas the subsidy given by the Government was Rs. 246.26 lakhs."

The Ramachandraraopet Municipal Public Park.

* 7 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints from the public and others of Eluru regarding the closure of the Ramachandraraopet Municipal Public Park between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily for some months past; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government after perusing the connected records informed the complainant that the Commissioner, Eluru Municipality, had taken action on the complaints made to him and that no interference on the part of Government was called for."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what action has been taken in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" The gardener who plucked the flowers has been punished."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" What was the punishment given to him, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" He was punished with some fine, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is there any qualifications prescribed for these gardeners, Sir, or is any training prescribed for them? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" There is no special qualification prescribed for these gardeners. I may inform the hon. Member, that it is true that the doors were closed. but they were done so, just to prevent this sort of game."

Prohibition Staff College.

* 8 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Prohibition Staff College has been established;

(*b*) what the staff employed is and what the courses of studies prescribed for the various grades of officers are;

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(*c*) whether, in framing courses of studies, the Government have taken into account the fact that ultimately the trained staff will have to be absorbed in the Police Department; and

(*d*) whether the Government have come to a decision on the agency to be finally entrusted with enforcement of Prohibition?

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The answer [a] is placed on the Table of the House.

" (*c*) The course of studies in the Prohibition Staff College have been so framed as to facilitate the absorption of the trainees in the Police Department later when the enforcement of Prohibition is transferred to the Police Department throughout the Province.

" (*d*) The Government propose to transfer the enforcement of Prohibition to the Police Department by stages."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if this College is continuing to exist, or whether it has ceased to function? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" It has been closed on the 31st October, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that some of the officers in charge of the enforcement of prohibition have also been found drunk? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" It is possible, Sir, but if such cases are brought to the notice of the Government, necessary action will be taken."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government take particular care to see that only persons who are not addicted to drink are put in charge of this department? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Some of the people who are working in the department, had been employed much earlier, and it is not possible to know whether they are addicted to drink or not. But if any specific instances of drunkenness on the part of any of the officers in the department is brought to the notice of the Government, suitable action will be taken against them."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware of the opinion expressed and the statement made by the ex-Minister for Prohibition, Mr. Koti Reddi that even women and children who were not drinking before, have now-a-days taken to drinking illicit stuff? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" It is quite possible, Sir, but it cannot be happening everywhere."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Will the hon. Member tell me how these questions are in any way connected with the Prohibition Staff College, which is the main question under consideration."

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Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" It is with regard to the enforcement policy of the Government, that we are asking supplementary questions, Sir."

Janab ABDUL LATIFF FAROOKHI :—" Is any special training given to the candidates in this College, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir, they are given some special training, which include relevant portions of the Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act, etc., and their main training is in matters relating to the Madras Prohibition Act, how to conduct enquiries, charge cases and conduct prosecutions, etc. The detailed courses of study prescribed for the various grades of officers are given in the printed answer which is already laid on the table of the House."

Koya labour in the Agency tracts.

* 9 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, in the Agency tracts, Koya labour is engaged by the Forests, the Public Works and the Revenue departments;

(*b*) whether the rates of wages to be paid for labour employed by these departments have been fixed and if so, what the rates are;

(*c*) whether Koya labour is directly recruited or through an intermediary;

(*d*) whether there are works in the Agency tracts which are executed by contractors;

(*e*) whether payment of wages at particular rates is one of the conditions mentioned in the contracts; and

(*f*) whether the Government have considered at any time the desirability of revising rates of wages, amenities to be provided, etc., to Koya labour employed on Government works?

The Hon. Sri N. SANJEEVA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The rates of wages paid for labour employed by different Government Departments in the Agency areas have been fixed with reference to the nature of the work and the tract in which the workmen are to be engaged. I may however inform the hon. Member in this connexion that the question of extending the Minimum Wages Act to Agency tracts is being examined with a view to fix suitable rates of minimum wages, statutorily for agriculture, forestry and other employments covered by the Act.

" (*c*) Koya Labour is recruited directly by the departments concerned in certain areas and through intermediaries such as Patels in certain other areas.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir.

" (*e*) No, Sir. But provision is made in the estimates for the different works for wages at certain fixed rates. These rates vary as the demand for labour varies.